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Serial No. 08/821,025

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Title:

PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF A GRANULAR MICROBIAL BIOMASS

AND ISOLATION OF A COMPOUND THEREFROM

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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\$360.00 (1203)/\$180.00 (2203) \$

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Applicant claims "small entity" status. Statement filed herewith

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Prior to continued examination of this application, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

The claims are presented on pages 2-11.

Claims 72, 78, 83, 113 and 115 are amended.

Claims 79 and 84 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 117-148 are added.

Remarks begin on page 12.